

2018 Road Improvement Program – Phase III

Lafayette Street Area Improvements Project FAQ

1. What company was awarded the construction contract?

S. Brothers Inc., of South River (S. Brothers) was awarded the contract for construction. The company was the lowest, most responsive bidder out of four (4) submissions. S. Brothers was the contractor for the Washington Street, Center Street, Avenue of Two Rivers, and Ward Lane project in 2015.

2. Will a representative of the Borough be present during construction?

The Borough has retained part-time construction management services of T&M Associates to assist during construction. Throughout the project, our Superintendent of Public Works and Borough Engineer will periodically be on-site.

3. What is the project start date?

According to the details provided by S. Brothers, we anticipate construction starting on/or about Tuesday, September 3rd.

4. What is the project duration?

The project is contracted for 6 months, but due to inclement weather, unanticipated field conditions, or expansion of the project scope, additional time may be warranted.

5. What are the working hours?

The working hours for the project will be Monday to Friday, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, with some exceptions due to unforeseen conditions. S. Brothers may arrive to the job earlier than 7:00 am, but should not be operating equipment. If this is a frequent occurrence, please contact a T&M representative or David Marks, Borough Engineer.

6. What is the proposed scope of work?

Most of the streets will receive new concrete curbs, sidewalks, driveway aprons and ADA accessible curb ramps at intersections. Once the concrete improvements are complete, the road will be milled and paved. Restoration to driveways behind the sidewalk and the grass strip between the curb and sidewalk will typically be completed before the roadway paving. Detailed project information is available on the construction plans found on the Borough of Rumson website: <http://www.rumsonnj.gov/projects/lafayette-street-improvements.html>.

7. What streets are included in the Road Improvement Program?

- Lafayette Street from Narumsunk Street to Hunt Street
- Narumsunk Street from Dogwood Lane to Bingham Avenue
- Church Street from mid-block of Washington Street and Lafayette Street to Allen Street
- Hunt Street from Lafayette Street to Washington Street

8. Will sidewalk be installed on Narumsunk Street as shown on the T&M plans?

In response to feedback received by the Narumsunk Street property owners, our Borough Engineer is developing alternatives to the proposed sidewalk shown on the plans. As the plan is finalized, it will be shared with the impacted property owners. Work may begin on other parts of the project prior to finalizing the Narumsunk Street sidewalk plans.

9. Will the street be open during construction?

The streets will be closed to through traffic while work is underway. We ask that you avoid the active work areas to the greatest extent feasible. Access to your home will generally be restored by the end of the work day.

Please park in your driveway when possible or on the street outside of the work area limits.

10. Lafayette Street currently has no parking on one side of the street. What do we do while work is being done on the side that allows parking?

While work is being completed on the eastern side of Lafayette Street, the “no parking on this side” section of Lafayette Street will be temporarily suspended by the Borough of Rumson Police Department to allow parking.

11. What is the daily impact to my property?

The daily impact to your property should be minimal. While new curbs and sidewalks are being installed immediately in front of your home or the adjacent property, access will be temporarily restricted to allow for the work. When your driveway apron and curbing is being replaced, access to your driveway will be restricted for 3 to 5 days to allow for the concrete to fully cure.

12. My sprinklers were damaged, what should I do?

If your sprinkler system is damaged during the construction process, please either contact a supervisor from S. Brothers Construction, a field inspector from T&M Associates, or contact David Marks, Borough Engineer. Per the contract, S. Brothers is required to repair all damages at their expense. Please afford S. Brothers the first opportunity to make the necessary repairs.

To reduce the extent of sprinkler damages, please mark your sprinkler heads if they are near the back of sidewalk or between the curb and sidewalk. To facilitate this effort, S. Brothers has left a bundle of utility flags at Borough Hall, 80 E River Road. Please stop in between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm to pick up a handful of utility marking flags. In the alternative, your sprinkler company can mark your sprinkler heads for you.

13. The tree in front of my home along the street has been slated for removal. Can I get a new tree?

The Borough of Rumson will sponsor a tree planting program after the curb and sidewalk project is complete. A separate letter will be sent to residents on the improved streets offering the opportunity to have a new tree planted behind the sidewalk in Fall 2020.

14. Will my driveway be impacted by the construction?

Yes, the end of your driveway that meets the back of sidewalk will be impacted by the construction of new sidewalks. S. Brothers will repair the driveway with like materials and finishes to the greatest extent possible. The Borough does not seal coat asphalt driveways. The extent of how far back a driveway is repaired is a function of driveway material type and grading to maintain positive drainage flow.

15. Is it my responsibility to restore my lawn behind the sidewalk or between the curb and sidewalk?

No, the contract with S. Brothers includes the restoration of lawn behind the sidewalk and between the curb and sidewalk with topsoil and sod. We ask that you please water the sod regularly or as needed.

16. Why is Lafayette Street from W. River Road to Hunt Street being changed to one-way direction?

In consult with the Rumson Police Department and Borough Engineer, it was determined one-way traffic north on Lafayette Street from W. River Road to Hunt Street is safer. By changing the traffic flow, the issue of limited visibility to oncoming traffic while at the Lafayette Street/W. River Road intersection due to the Rumson Pharmacy Building is eliminated. The one-way traffic flow also reduces vehicle conflicts with the existing and proposed angled parking. This configuration also mimics the temporary traffic circulation used during Summer Recreation Camp Program.

17. Why is the end of Lafayette Street being removed and turned into additional park space?

With the change in traffic circulation on Lafayette Street, the safest alternative was to end the road at Hunt Street. A proper cul-de-sac or other turn-a-round configuration did not fit within the existing space. The termination of Lafayette Street at Hunt Street and the removal of the pavement provided a unique opportunity to expand the waterfront area of Victory Park. An emergency access road constructed of grass pavers will be installed to maintain emergency vehicle access to the Oceanic Marina and waterfront.

18. Can kayaks and paddleboards be launched at the end of Lafayette Street?

While kayaks and paddleboards can still be launched from the end of Lafayette Street, the Borough is working on plans to better accommodate launchings at the Rumson Crew site located on the western side of Victory Park.

19. I would like my entire driveway replaced. Can S. Brothers replace my driveway?

Yes, S. Brothers can replace your driveway. That work would need to be contracted directly between you and S. Bros. The Borough should be made aware of the proposed work, but the property owner is fully responsible for payment to S. Bros.

20. Are there changes to Victory Park?

There are no major changes planned at Victory Park at this time. But, to accommodate the additional angled parking, some trees will need to be removed and the curbs and sidewalks will be replaced. The additional angled parking will not impact the existing bocce court. Once the roadway project is complete, we will evaluate relocating or rehabilitating the bocce court.

21. Why isn't the sidewalk at W. River Road being replaced?

The Borough received a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation to replace the curbs and sidewalks on W. River Road. If we constructed the sidewalks, curbing, and ADA curb ramps now, we would not be eligible for those costs as part of the grant.

The first phase of curb and sidewalks on E. River Road extended from Ridge Road to Black Point Road. The second phase will continue from Black Point Road to Bingham Avenue. The third phase of the project is from Bingham Avenue to First Street. The fourth phase will continue from First Street to Third Street. To date, the Borough has received grant funding for phases 1 through 3, totaling more than \$1.1M and has applied for phase 4 funding. The NJDOT Local Aid Grant Program is funded through various sources by the NJDOT, including the NJ gas tax.

22. Who should I contact with additional questions:

David Marks

Rumson Borough Engineer

732-842-3300 or dmarks@rumsonnj.gov

23. Who should I contact at S. Brothers Construction

Please contact their office at

732-446-3390

24. Who should I contact at T&M Associates?

Keith Mueller

Senior Staff Designer

T&M Associates, 11 Tindall Road, Middletown NJ 07748

732-671-6400 or kmueller@tandmassociates.com

25. In case of emergency, please contact Rumson Police Department at (732) 842-0500